

# Tabaru language

Tabaru is a North Halmahera language of Indonesia.

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## Phonology

### Vowels

Tabaru has a simple five vowel system: a, e, i, o, u.<sup>[3]</sup>

### Consonants

		Labial	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
<u>Nasal</u>		m	n	ɳ	ɳ	
<u>Plosive</u>	<u>voiceless</u>	p	t	c	k	
	<u>voiced</u>	b	d	ɟ	g	
<u>Fricative</u>		f	s			h
<u>Semivowel</u>				j	w	
<u>Lateral</u>			l			
<u>Trill</u>			r			

### Syllable structure and stress

On the surface level, Tabaru only allows syllables of the type (C)V. Words with an underlying final consonant add an echo vowel: *ngówaka* (/ngowak/) 'child', *ókere* (/oker/) 'drink', *sárimi* (/sarim/) 'paddle', *ódomo* (/odom/) 'eat', *pálusu* (/palus/) 'answer'. The echo vowel is dropped when a suffix is added: *woísene* (/woisen/) 'hear', but *woisenoka* (/woisen/ + /oka/) 'heard'. Stress regularly falls on the penultimate syllable, but shifts to the antepenultimate when the word takes an echo vowel.

## References

Tabaru	
Native to	Indonesia
Region	Halmahera
Native speakers	(15,000 cited 1991) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	West Papuan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ North Halmahera</li> <li>▪ Galela–Tobelo</li> <li>▪ Tabaru</li> </ul>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	tby
Glottolog	taba1263 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/taba1263">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/taba1263</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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